



## West Coast Bridge Club

### Newsletter

September 2017

#### Annual General Meeting

The Club held its AGM on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The Management Committee for 2017-18 comprises Maureen Phillips (President), Joy Jones (Vice-President), Pat Scotford (Secretary), Patsy Davey (Treasurer), Sally Brittliffe, Ann Patrick, Sara Westergren, Max Rowan-Robinson and Patrick Garnett.



*West Coast Bridge Club office bearers for 2017-18 (L to R): Patsy Davey (Treasurer), Joy Jones (Vice-President), Pat Scotford (Secretary) and Maureen Phillips (President).*

#### The meeting:

- approved changes to the Club's Constitution which were required as a consequence of changes to the Associations Incorporation Act 2015
- approved an increase in the annual subscription fee to \$40 commencing July 2018
- appointed Graham Cushion as the Club Auditor for 2017-18.

#### Thanks to Harold McKnight

After many years on the Club's Committee, life member Harold McKnight did not seek re-election at this year's AGM. Harold will continue in his important role as Coordinating Director and one of the Club's teachers. The

Committee is extremely grateful for Harold's past and continuing contribution to the Club.

#### Increase in table money

The Club Committee decided at its August meeting that the Club needed to increase table money as follows:

- Normal green point sessions: \$6
- Visitor's fee: \$8
- Red and Gold Point events remain unchanged.

The changes in table money take effect from September 1, 2017.

#### Club Championship Pairs (*Anton Brazowski Trophy*)

The Club Championship Pairs was conducted over three Mondays in June. The winning pair was Robin Cordin and Sally Brittliffe. Leone Lorien and Richard Pianta were second, with Marleen Medhat and Ray Wood in third place.



*Club Championship Pairs winners Robin Cordin and Sally Brittliffe.*

### Winter pairs (*Margaret Rowston Trophy*)

The Winter Pairs was conducted over three Mondays in July. The winning pair was Shirley Drage and Graeme Hillier. They were followed by Leone Lorian and Richard Pianta in second place, with Maureen Phillips and Cathy Slaughter third.



*Winter Pairs winners Shirley Drage and Graeme Hillier.*

### New members

David Cowell, June Fox, Ann Hopfmueller and Robert Lowe have recently joined the Club. Please make them welcome.

### New rankings

Congratulations to the following members who received rank promotions during the last three months:

Regional: Kay Lane

State: Sally Brittliffe

National\*: Harold McKnight

Bronze life: Helen Baker

### Coming competitions

Competitions enable members to enjoy good competitive bridge and provide the opportunity to win red and gold points. The following competitions are scheduled for the next few months at West Coast Bridge Club:

- Spring Teams (Sylvia Pollastri Memorial Trophy) – Mondays October 9-23
- Thursday pairs (John Utting Trophy) – Thursdays November 2-16
- Swiss pairs (Eileen and Ernest Nickel Trophy) – Mondays November 20, 27 & December 4

Please make every effort to participate in these events.

### Interesting hand

The following hand illustrates the value of the 2H/2S/2NT openings to show two five-card suits. East opens 2S, South doubles and West, applying the law of total tricks, jumps to 4S. This leaves North in a very difficult position, especially given the unfavourable vulnerability. According to deep finesse N-S can make 6H or 5C; E-W can make 3S – a worthwhile sacrifice!

<b>Dlr: East</b>	♠ 73	
<b>Vul: NS</b>	♥ T9543	
	♦ AK	
	♣ KJT6	
♠ KQ984		♠ JT652
♥ 8		♥ AQ6
♦ T53		♦ Q9764
♣ 9432	♠ A	♣ Void
	♥ KJ72	
	♦ J82	
	♣ AQ875	

### Conduct and etiquette

West Coast Bridge Club prides itself on being a friendly club in which members maintain a courteous attitude to other members and visitors. Law 74B, which relates to etiquette, states that players should refrain from:

- paying insufficient attention to the game
- making gratuitous comments during the auction and play
- detaching a card before it is their turn to play
- prolonging play unnecessarily (as in playing on although he/she knows that all the tricks are theirs)
- summoning and addressing the Director in a manner discourteous to him/her or to other players.